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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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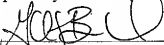
June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of such U.S. documents are not supplied in connection with this application. Applicants submit herewith copies of the foreign and non-patent references cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98, and the examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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